

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/707,663	CHEN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	SOPHIA VLAHOS	2611	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/30/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings (Figures 1-6 amended to include the "Prior Art" label and amended Fig. 10 that was objected to for not showing claimed subject matter) were received on 3/30/2007. These drawings are acceptable.

Specification

2. The amendment to the specification (new paragraph [0072.1]) received on 3/30/2007) is acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination:

A method for achieving frame synchronization of a received signal, the received signal being divided into frames with each frame comprising a plurality of slots, the method comprising: coherently combining frame synchronization correlation results with a slot synchronization phase, the slot synchronization phase determined by correlating the received signal with a slot a test phase difference is less than a threshold phase difference; coherently combining frame synchronization correlation results with a linear combination of slot synchronization phases when the test phase difference is greater than or equal to the threshold phase difference; and determining a frame boundary of the

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received signal based on the coherent combination results, as recited in claim 1 and in combination with other elements of the claim.

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination: A wireless device comprising: a receiver for receiving a signal divided into frames with each frame comprising a plurality of slots; a combiner for coherently combining the frame synchronization correlation results with a slot synchronization phase when a test phase difference is less than a threshold phase difference or a linear combination of slot synchronization phases when the test phase difference is greater than or equal to the threshold phase difference; and a selection unit for selecting a frame boundary based on the output of the combiner, as recited in claim 9 and in combination with other elements of the claim.

Claims 9-15 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tanno et. al., (U.S. 7,170,875).

Amerga et. al., (U.S. 2005/0047492)

Mathew et. al., (U.S. 2004/0161020)

Nassiri-Tousi et. al., (U.S. 7,194,011)

Lindoff et. al., (U.S. 7,110,376)

Lee et. al. (U.S. 2001/01021199)

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SOPHIA VLAHOS whose telephone number is 571 272 5507. The examiner can normally be reached on MTWRF 8:30-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammed Ghayour can be reached on 571 272 3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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